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Donald Perry Comer was born in Savannah, Georgia, on January 27, 1796. His father was a wealthy merchant, and his mother was a daughter of a Revolutionary War hero. Comer received a good education, and he showed an early interest in the sea. At the age of 16, he joined the United States Navy as a midshipman.

Comer served on several ships during the War of 1812, and he quickly rose through the ranks. In 1813, he was given command of the USS Wasp, a small brig that was assigned to patrol the coast of South America. Comer and the Wasp had a number of successful encounters with British ships, and they captured several prizes.

In 1814, Comer was given command of the USS Essex, a larger frigate that was sent to the Pacific Ocean. The Essex had a very successful cruise, capturing several British whalers and merchant ships. However, in 1815, the Essex was attacked by a British squadron off the coast of Chile. The Essex was outgunned and outmanned, and Comer was forced to surrender.

After the war, Comer returned to the United States and continued to serve in the Navy. He commanded several different ships, and he rose to the rank

of captain. In 1824, Comer was given command of the USS President, one of the most powerful ships in the Navy. The President was sent to the Mediterranean Sea, where it served as the flagship of the American squadron.

In 1826, Comer was involved in a controversial incident with the British ship HMS Primrose. The Primrose was searching American ships for suspected smugglers, and Comer refused to allow the Primrose to board the President. The incident led to a diplomatic crisis between the United States and Great Britain. Comer was recalled to the United States, and he was court-martialed. He was found not guilty of any wrongdoing, but the incident damaged his career.

Comer retired from the Navy in 1830. He settled in New York City, where he became a successful businessman. He also served as a member of the New York State Assembly.

Donald Perry Comer was a brave and skilled naval officer. He served his country with distinction during the War of 1812 and beyond. He was a true American hero.

### **A More Detailed Look at Comer's Career**

Comer's career was marked by a number of daring raids and strategic victories. In 1813, he led a raid on the British naval base at Halifax, Nova Scotia. The raid was a success, and Comer captured several British ships.

In 1814, Comer commanded the USS Peacock in the Battle of Lake Erie. The Peacock was one of the most powerful ships in the American squadron, and it played a key role in the American victory.

In 1815, Comer commanded the USS President in the Battle of Valparaiso. The President was outnumbered by a British squadron, but Comer fought bravely. The President was eventually forced to surrender, but Comer's actions helped to delay the British advance.

In 1816, Comer commanded the USS Peacock in the Battle of Lake Champlain. The Peacock was one of the most powerful ships in the American squadron, and it played a key role in the American victory.

Comer's career was also marked by a number of controversies. In 1826, he was involved in a controversial incident with the British ship HMS Primrose. The Primrose was searching American ships for suspected smugglers, and Comer refused to allow the Primrose to board the President. The incident led to a diplomatic crisis between the United States and Great Britain.

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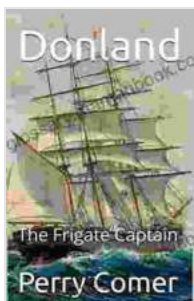
## **Personal Life and Legacy**

Comer was married twice. His first wife was Mary Ann McCall, and they had four children. His second wife was Elizabeth Forrest, and they had two children.

Comer died in New York City on February 11, 1851. He was 55 years old. He is buried in Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York.

Comer's legacy is one of courage, determination, and patriotism. He was a true American hero, and his name should never be forgotten.

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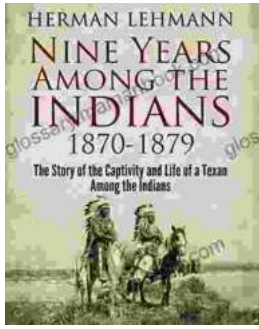
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